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SUBJ: PROPOSED SALE OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED RESIDENCE

1. FSO PROPERTY NO. 56306, RESIDENCE LOCATED AT JL. H. JUANDA NO. 6, IS NOW OCCUPIED BY CONSULATE'S ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER. FOR REASONS LISTED BELOW, CONSULATE PROPOSES THAT THIS PROPERTY BE SOLD AND PROCEEDS OF SALE BE USED TO PURCHASE NEW HOUSE IN ANOTHER LOCATION. DEPENDING UPON AVAILABILITY, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO LEASE A HOUSE FOR PERIOD OF TIME PENDING FINDING SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FOR PURCHASE.

A. HOUSE IS LOCATED ON BUSY INTERSECTION AT WHICH MANY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS OCCUR EACH YEAR. WHILE REGULATIONS REQUIRE TRAFFIC COMING INTO INTERSECTION FROM EVERY DIRECTION TO STOP, IN PRACTICE NO ONE DOES. THIS SITUATION RESULTS IN MANY SEVERE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS (AN AVERAGE OF 12 TO 15 PER YEAR), SOME OF WHICH RESULT IN FATALITIES.

B. RECENT CHANGE IN CITY REGULATIONS GOVERNING PEDDLE BECAKS (BICYCLE CARTS USED AS CHEAP TRANSPORTATION) HAS RESULTED IN THIS BUSY INTERSECTION BECOMING A STATION FOR BECAK DRIVERS WAITING FOR PASSINGERS. USUALLY, BETWEEN 15 AND 30 OF THESE VEHICLES AND DRIVERS ARE TO BE FOUND WAITING AT THE INTERSECTION ALONG WITH THE STALLS OF FOOD HAWKERS WHO FOLLOW IN THEIR TRAIN. BECAK DRIVERS ARE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ECONOMIC SCALE HERE, AND MANY CONSIDER THEM TO BE INVOLVED IN MUCH OF THE PETTY CRIME OCCURRING IN MEDAN. THEIR PRESENCE IN SUCH LARGE NUMBERS CAUSES RESIDENTS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO FEAR FOR THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY AND GENERALLY CREATES A LESS THAN DESIREABLE ATMOSPHERE IN THE AREA.

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C. THIS HOUSE HAS BEEN INFESTED WITH TERMITES FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THIS NECESSITATES REGULAR REPAIRS AND REPAINTING. EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ELIMINATE THEM BUT SO FAR WITH LITTLE SUCCESS.

2. FOR THESE REASONS THE CONSULATE REQUESTS APPROVAL TO BEGIN A SEARCH FOR A REPLACEMENT HOUSE AND AUTHORITY TO SELL THIS PROPERTY WHEN REPLACEMENT IS FOUND. KILPATRICK

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